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# CANNABIS ESTABLISHMENT ACCOUNTING PROCEDURES

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**Task Objective:** To set forth guidelines for the Cannabis Industry regarding

accounting procedures

**Responsible Parties:** Cannabis Facilities

Reference: LVMC 6.95

**Background:** LVMC 6.95.060 requires Cannabis Establishments to submit

an accounting plan as part of their permit process. The procedures defined below outlines acceptable procedures.

**Note:** Cannabis Establishments must maintain an inventory control system in accordance with State regulations.

## Auditing/Accounting Procedures for Dispensaries:

## Point of Sale System (POS)

- 1. A computerized POS system must be utilized to record and track all sales.
- 2. The POS system must be operational prior to the opening of the business.
- 3. All sales must be transacted through the POS system, except as allowed under the manual procedures outlined below.
- 4. Surveillance cameras must be directly positioned over the cash register and provide clear view over the:
  - a. Area where the tender type (cash, debit card, credit card or checks) is exchanged between the buyer and seller; and

- b. The register, computer keys and scanner utilized to enter the sales information.
- 5. A computerized receipt must be generated from the POS system with a copy retained by the business and a copy delivered to the patron (electronic or physical). The receipt shall detail the following information:
  - a. The date and time of the transaction.
  - b. Each item sold must be listed individually, with the following:
    - i. The amount due.
    - ii. Identifying description and/or number.
  - c. The name or other identifier of the cashier.
  - d. Separate line items must be maintained for the subtotal, each tax type and all additional fees.
  - e. A grand total line.
  - f. Sequential numbered receipt.
  - g. Name and address of the business.
  - h. Tender type.
- 6. City licensing fees are not to be passed on to the customer and shall NOT be listed on the receipt.
- 7. The patient's name must NOT be shown on receipt.
- 8. All voided transactions must be documented in the POS system.
- 9. Voided receipts must contain the following:
  - a. "Void" written on all copies of the physical receipt.
  - b. The reason for the void is documented on the receipt or other document which sufficiently identifies the receipt.
  - c. Date and time of void on the receipt or other documentation.
  - d. Voids must be approved by a supervisor and evidenced by either the supervisor's signature on the receipt or POS system controls preventing anyone but the supervisor from performing the void in the computer system.

## 10. Daily, for each cashier:

- a. Ending cashier bank is counted and documented by the cashier and verified by one other employee.
- b. Funds counted are compared to Funds per the POS system.

- c. Variances are documented and maintained.
- d. Form is signed by cashier and verifying employee.
- 11. Cashier funds are turned-in to the cash vault on a daily basis.
- 12. Access to cash vault is limited to management personnel only.
- 13. Cash Vault Balance Sheet is maintained at all times.
  - a. Cash vault is counted down daily and reconciled to Cash Vault Balance Sheet by two employees.
  - b. At least one employee performing daily count is independent of cashiering and accounting functions.

#### **Manual Cashiering System**

- 14. In the event the computerized cashiering system becomes inoperable, the Department must be notified. During the outage, the business may operate a manual cashiering system.
- 15. The start and end date and time of any periods when a manual system is utilized due to inoperability of the POS system must be logged and maintained.
- 16. The manual cashiering system must include the following:
  - a. Preprinted, 2-part, sequentially numbered cashier receipts; and
  - b. The same information as required on the computerized POS cashier receipts.
- 17. The inventory system must be updated within twenty four (24) hours of products sold. If the POS system is connected to the inventory system and the inventory system is down, the inventory system must be updated within 24 hours of the inventory system coming back on-line. In the event the computerized inventory system becomes inoperable, the Department must be notified. During the outage, the business may operate a manual cashiering system.

#### Accounting Procedures

- 18. An individual independent of the cashiering function performs the accounting procedures detailed below.
- 19. Perform the following procedures daily:
  - a. Examine all cashiering paperwork:
    - i. Examine all voids for:

- 1. The "void" designation.
- 2. Reason for the void.
- 3. Date / time of void, and
- 4. Proper Authorization.
- ii. Compare cash turn-in to system totals.
- iii. Verify propriety of unusual transactions.
- b. Document each individual cashier's sales totals on a daily sales recap report.
  - i. Detailing each tender types in total (cash, debit card, credit card, etc.).
- c. Document daily sales on a monthly sales recap report.
- 20. For any Manual Transactions the following daily procedures must be performed:
  - a. A revenue journal must be maintained in either a manual or computerized spreadsheet form to track each day's individual sales.
  - b. All physical receipts at the end of the day must be footed and traced to the daily total on the revenue journal.
- 21. The following Monthly procedures must be performed:
  - Review system exception reports for all computerized POS and inventory systems at least monthly for propriety of transactions and unusual occurrences:
    - i. Investigate all improper transactions or unusual occurrences and document the results.

Note: an exception report is defined as a report produced by the computerized system identifying unusual occurrences, changes to system configuration parameters, alteration to initially recorded data, voids, password changes, power outages, inventory adjustments, etc.

- b. Perform and document a physical count of the inventory:
  - i. Trace physical count to computerized inventory records.
  - ii. Performed by a minimum of two (2) employees one of whom is independent of purchase, sale, and destruction of products.
  - iii. Date, time, and signature of employees are documented on the form.
- 22. Document all exceptions and discrepancies found in steps 19 through 21.